

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for accessing information in a private database, the method comprising:  
at an e-mail server,  
receiving a request from a wireless communication device to access the  
information in the private database;  
sending a query to retrieve the information;  
receiving a response to the query, wherein the response includes the information;  
and  
sending the information to the wireless communication device.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the request includes receiving an e-mail from the wireless communication device.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein receiving the e-mail from the wireless communication device includes receiving the e-mail from one of a wireless telephone, a wireless pager and a wireless personal digital assistant.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein sending the query includes authorizing access to the private database.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein authorizing access to the private database includes identifying an e-mail address of the wireless communication device.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein authorizing access to the private database includes comparing the e-mail address of the wireless communication device with a list of authorized e-mail addresses.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein authorizing access to the private database includes confirming that the list of authorized e-mail addresses includes the e-mail address of the wireless communication device.

8. The method of claim 2, wherein sending the query includes identifying text in the e-mail.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein identifying text in the e-mail includes identifying a word associated with the information.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein identifying the word in the e-mail includes identifying an acronym associated with the information.

11. The method of claim 8, wherein identifying text in the e-mail includes identifying a phrase associated with the information.

12. The method of claim 8, wherein identifying text in the e-mail includes identifying a number associated with the information.

13. The method of claim 8, wherein identifying text in the e-mail includes identifying a letter and a number associated with the information.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the response includes receiving the information.

15. The method of claim 1, wherein sending the information to the wireless communication device includes sending an e-mail to the wireless communication device.

16. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

at the e-mail server,

receiving a second request from the wireless communication device, wherein the second request is for accessing additional information;

sending a second query, wherein the second query is for retrieving the additional information;

receiving a response to the second query, wherein the response to the second query includes the additional information; and

sending the additional information to the wireless communication device.

17. An apparatus for accessing information in a private database, the apparatus comprising:

an e-mail server for accessing the private database, wherein the e-mail server is configured for communication with a wireless communication device and includes:

an identification module for identifying an e-mail address of the wireless communication device; and

an authorization module for authorizing the e-mail server to access the private database and forward the information to the wireless communication device.

18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the e-mail server comprises a portion of an Intranet.

19. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the e-mail server comprises a portion of an Extranet.

20. A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to:

identify an e-mail address of a wireless communication device; and

authorize an e-mail server to access information in a private database and forward the information to the wireless communication device.